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AREA PLANNING BOARD CONTINUES INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

A major concern and activity of the Area Planning Board is that of coordinating planning efforts with various levels of government, including federal, state, regional and local.

The Area Planning Board maintains a close liaison with various regional, county and municipal planning agencies. These agencies include:

1. Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
2. Palm Beach County Planning, Zoning and Building Department
3. City of West Palm Beach Planning Department
4. City of Lake Worth Planning Department
5. City of Riviera Beach Planning Department
6. City of Boca Raton Planning Department
7. City of Delray Beach Planning Department
8. City of Boynton Beach Planning Department
9. Broward County Planning Council
10. Metropolitan Dade County Planning Department

This coordination includes information exchanges, professional conferences and general technical assistance, both requested and disseminated. Also, coordination between the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and Area Planning Board has taken place in the areas of A-95 Review, formal memorandums of coordination/understanding and mutual review/comment on all housing, land use and other plans and documents prepared.

The Area Planning Board also maintains a liaison with various state agencies and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council relative to the state and regional review role of comprehensive plans of the municipalities of Palm Beach County. The Area Planning Board recently held a workshop concerning the Local Government Comprehensive Planning Act of 1975 which is discussed later in this newsletter. This liaison will continue in order that the maximum amount of coordination may take place.

Intergovernmental Coordination also takes place between Palm Beach County Departments and the Area Planning Board. The Area Planning Board and the Division of Housing and Community Development work closely together with various studies compiled by the Area Planning Board and funded under the

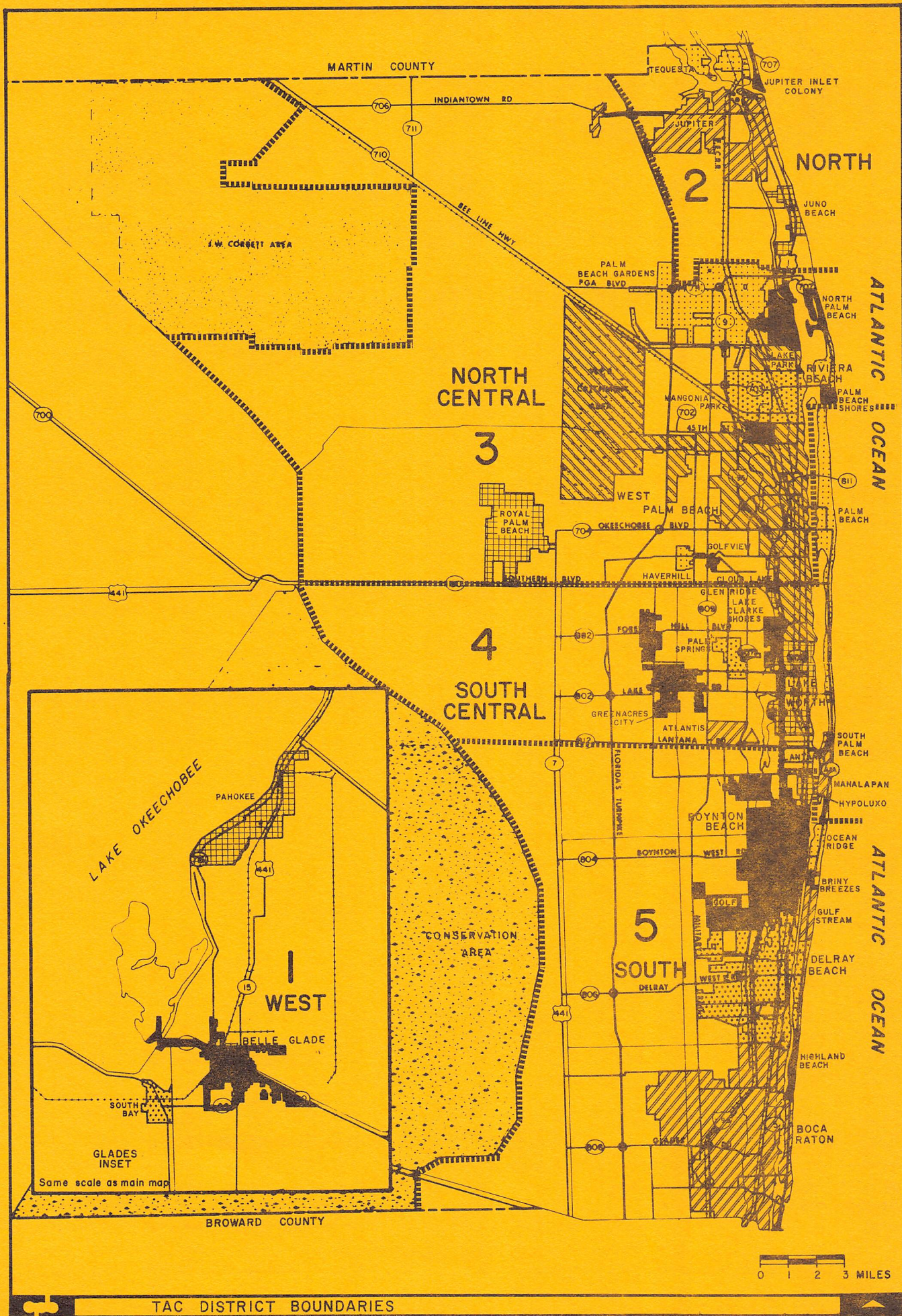
Department of Housing and Urban Development "701" Comprehensive Planning Assistance Program as reference material. The Housing Conditions Survey (1977) was used in preparing the County's Housing Assistance Plan, the Housing Regulation Review Study (1978) is essential to the implementation of building codes and code enforcement activities and the Maps, Charts and Statistical Data (1977) is used as a data source. Other studies used were the Housing Allocation Model (1977) and the Market Analysis of Single-Family Housing in Palm Beach County (1978).

Other Area Planning Board reports produced under the "701" Planning Program have been utilized in the development of the Water Quality Management Plan for Palm Beach County, and to further advance the Area Planning Board's Areawide Waste Treatment Management "208" Program funded by an EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) Grant under PL 92-500, Section 208, now underway in Palm Beach County. These same documents, as well as those to be produced in the next fiscal year (1978-1979) will be utilized in the natural environment section of the areawide comprehensive planning effort and other environmental planning programs by the Area Planning Board.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FORMED

The Florida Local Government Comprehensive Planning Act of 1975 (LGCPA) mandated the creation of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the purpose of coordinating "... technical elements of a comprehensive plan and to advise local planning agencies and local governing bodies ...". The Act requires that all local governments in Palm Beach County appoint one person to the TAC. In addition, any special district which includes within its jurisdiction land in the County may appoint a representative.

Beginning in November of 1977, the Comprehensive Planning Section of the Area Planning Board has made efforts to coordinate the development of a TAC for Palm Beach County. During this time, the staff was able to secure appointments to the Committee from each municipality in Palm Beach County, the County,



the Port Authority, and two special districts (South Florida Water Management District and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council).

The TAC has held three major meetings since the local jurisdictions were notified about the requirements of the law in November. At each successive meeting, the TAC has moved further ahead toward becoming a fully functioning organization. The Committee has established an organizational scheme and has adopted By-laws. The TAC has given itself three specific responsibilities in Article II of its By-laws:

1. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of relevant technical information.
2. This Committee shall provide a vehicle for the coordination of technical elements of comprehensive plan elements between jurisdictions.
3. This Committee shall provide a vehicle to encourage coordination and cooperation among municipalities and between municipalities and county government within the spirit of the Local Government Comprehensive Planning Act of 1975.

The TAC has also elected a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson, along with an Executive Committee to guide its activities. The Executive Committee is composed of the Chairperson of each of the five geographic subcommittees into which the TAC is divided (see map). The representatives from each of the subdistricts are:

1. West	John Gubisch-Belle Glade
2. North	John Giba-Tequesta
3. North Central	Mike Hyman, Chairperson-West Palm Beach
4. South Central	Russ Gilbert-Lake Clarke Shores
5. South	Mark David, Vice-Chairperson-Boca Raton

It is at the geographic subcommittee level that major coordination of local comprehensive planning efforts will take place.

The APB will continue to work as coordinator for the TAC and its subcommittees. The TAC's activities will become more numerous as the local jurisdictions within Palm Beach County come closer to the July 1, 1979 deadline for adopting local comprehensive plans, as required by the Florida Local Government Comprehensive Planning Act of 1975.

PLANNING WORKSHOPS PRESENTED

On May 26, 1978, the APB conducted a seminar on the Federal Flood Insurance Program. The seminar focused on the requirements local governments must meet to be in the program and how the program operates. Mr. James Sayes, local government specialist, from the Florida Department of Community Affairs was the primary speaker. Members of the APB staff were also present to discuss the APB's role in provid-

ing local assistance to implement the program. Twelve local jurisdictions were represented at this seminar.

It was announced at the workshop that the APB now has available to local governments an atlas which delineates all special flood hazard areas in the metropolitan area. In addition, the staff has been working with local civil defense/disaster preparedness agencies to foster better flood preventive planning. More information is available by calling the APB at 683-9450.

On June 2, 1978, the APB and the Florida Atlantic University/Florida International University Joint Center for Environmental and Urban Problems co-sponsored a workshop on local comprehensive planning at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. The workshop focused on several specific parts of the Local Government Comprehensive Planning Act of 1975, as amended.

The workshop was presented in two sessions. During the morning, speakers from various State agencies discussed the State review process for local plans, the coastal zone management program, State funding for local government planning, and intergovernmental relations. In addition, the legal aspects of comprehensive planning were discussed. During the afternoon session, three concurrent discussion panels analyzed the comprehensive plan review process, coastal zone management, and intergovernmental aspects of planning.

The workshop involved input from three State agencies, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and Palm Beach County, in addition to the work of the APB staff. One participating State agency was the Division of State Planning represented by Robert Kessler, State Comprehensive Plan Review Coordination and Dr. Dwyndal Pettengill of the Bureau of Intergovernmental Relations. Another was the Bureau of Coastal Zone Management from the Department of Environmental Regulation represented by James Quinn. The third was the Department of Community Affairs represented by Rick Barrett. All these agencies are deeply involved in the comprehensive planning process.

The workshop was attended by over forty representatives of various local governments and planning agencies, including members of the Local Government Comprehensive Planning Act/Technical Advisory Committee for Palm Beach County. The major interest of the attendees appear to be in the State, Regional and County review of local plans and the procedure local governments must follow to have a legally valid adopted plan.

The APB will be holding other planning workshops as additional interest of local governments are brought to its attention. Tentatively planned for this summer is a seminar involving the South Florida Water Management District and the "208" Environmental Planning Section of the APB, on water quality planning in Palm Beach County.

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